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FOLLOWING REPEAT ADDIS ABABA 6803 ACTION SECSTATE, CAIRO,  
LAGOS. INFO MOGADISCIO, NAIROBI, KHARTOUM, JIDDA, TEHRAN,  
BAGHDAD, DAMASCUS, ISLAMABAD, PARIS AND LONDON DEC 10.

QUOTE: S E C R E T ADDIS ABABA 6803

E.O. 11652: X-GDS-1

TAGS: PINR, MOPS, ET, UR, US, EG

SUBJ: SOVIET AIRLIFT TO ETHIOPIA

REF: STATE 293505

1. MASSIVE SOVIET AIRLIFT IS SECRET TO NO ONE IN ADDIS WITH  
EYES AND EARS. ARRIVAL OF AN-12S AND AN-22S BEGAN NOV 30  
AND HAVE PICKED UP DRAMATICALLY WITHIN PAST COUPLE OF DAYS,  
AND PARTICULARLY NIGHTS. PLANES ARE EASILY VISIBLE AND AUD-  
ILBE AS THEY FLY IN OVER CITY TO NEARBY BOLE AIRPORT. THERE  
THEY HAVE BEEN OBSERVED DISCHARGING MILITARY VEHICLES AND  
OTHER EQUIPMENT. NEW SOVIET MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS FACILI-  
TIES HAVE BEEN SET UP AND ARE OBVIOUSLY OPERATING FROM AREA  
TOUCHING ON GOLF COURSE MAKING SOVIET AMBASSADOR BUTT OF  
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MANY JOKES IN DIP COCKTAIL CIRCUIT. PRESUMABLY EGYPTIAN AND  
NIGERIAN EMBASSIES ARE REPORTING SAME TO THEIR CAPITALS,  
BUT WE SEE NO REASON AMEMBASSIES ELSEWHERE SHOULD NOT DIS-  
CUSS MASSIVE SOVIET AIRLIFT OPENLY IN AT LEAST GENERAL  
TERMS. MATHERON  
UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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